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## Wayne County Continues to Protect and Restore Our Environment

### *"State Lifts Consumption Ban on Several Newburgh Lake Fish"*

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**Livonia, Michigan, Thursday, August 13, 2003:** Good news! The State of Michigan has informed the Wayne County Department of Environment that certain species of fish in Newburgh Lake can now be safely consumed. Although sport fishing has been common in the Rouge River for many years, poor water quality prohibited fish consumption.

There are now no consumption restrictions covering the general population for Carp, Channel Catfish, and Largemouth Bass from Newburgh Lake. However, women of child bearing-age and children under 15 should follow consumption advisories covering Carp (6 meals per year), Channel Catfish (1 meal per month), and Largemouth Bass (1 meal per week).

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Due to the ongoing cleanup efforts and stormwater management programs designed and implemented by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, a federally funded program managed by the Wayne County Department of Environment, the water quality of Newburgh Lake has dramatically improved over the last several years. This improved water quality has allowed the Michigan Department of Community Health to recently lift a fish consumption advisory ban for some species of fish caught in Newburgh Lake. Please note these new guidelines apply only to Newburgh Lake fish. Please refer to the fish advisory consumption guidelines for other areas of the Rouge River.

For more information on the consumption of fish from Michigan waters, refer to the 2003 Michigan Family Fish Consumption Guide, contact the Michigan Department of Community Health at 1-800-648-6942 or visit their website at [www.michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch). For additional information on the Rouge River watershed and its cleanup efforts, contact the Wayne County Department of Environment, Rouge Information line and 24-Hour Environmental Hotline at 1-888-223-2363 or visit our website at [www.wcdoe.org](http://www.wcdoe.org).